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VIA FACSIMILE (856-757-5355)Hon. Robert B. Kugler
United States District Court
for the District of New Jersey
U.S. Courthouse
4th & Cooper Streets
Camden, NJ 08101Hon. Joel Schneider
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for the District of New Jersey
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Camden, NJ 08101Re: *In re Valsartan Products Liability Litigation*, No. 1:19-md-02875-RBK-JS (D.N.J.)

Dear Judge Kugler and Magistrate Judge Schneider:

Plaintiffs submit this letter in support of their request to modify dates in CMO #4, and to provide further information regarding the PSC's time and expense reporting process.

Plaintiffs request that Paragraphs 4.6(3) and 4.6(4) of CMO #4 be modified to extend the dates of certain deadlines and reporting periods. These modifications are necessary to allow adequate time for the ~~Time and Expense Committee to set up the cloud-based time and expense reporting program; train counsel in using the program; allow adequate time for firms to get their initial data uploaded and to address any issues encountered in that process; allow adequate time for the Time and Expense Committee to conduct its review function; and, allow adequate time for time and expense reports to be compiled for the Court's quarterly review.~~ The specific changes are outlined below, with the new requested dates highlighted in bold.

CMO #4, Paragraph 4.6(3), is requested to be modified to read as follows:

All time and expenses shall be submitted on a monthly basis and will be due on the 15th day of the following month. The first time and expense report, due **August 15, 2019**, will be cumulative for the hours expended and expenses incurred during this MDL litigation up to and including **July 31, 2019**. The second submission will be due **September 15, 2019**, for the time and expenses incurred during **August, 2019**, and so forth. These deadlines may be amended from time to time in the discretion of Co-Lead Counsel.

CMO #4, Paragraph 4.6(4), is requested to be modified to read as follows:

The Plaintiffs' Executive Committee shall promptly retain a CPA. The CPA will assist in compiling submissions and will provide reports to Co-Lead Counsel who



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shall submit them to the Court on a quarterly basis. The first time and expense report submitted to the Court, due **September 15, 2019**, will be cumulative for the hours expended and expenses incurred during this MDL litigation up to and including **July 31, 2019**. The second submission will be due **December 15, 2019**, and so forth.

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Thank you for your courtesies and consideration.

Respectfully,

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→ For good cause
Shown,

So Ordered this 17th day
of July, 2019

JOEL SCHNEIDER, USMJ